

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of this minor modification to Idaho Code Section 39-604 is to update the venereal disease examination and testing process of Idaho's incarcerated population from mandatory to opt-in testing upon release. These modifications are based on medical best practices and a fiscally-responsible approach to testing.

FISCAL NOTE

The costs of testing are borne by the Department of Correction medical contractor and estimated during the bid process. If 5% of the population requested opt-in testing for all STDs upon release from incarceration, costs would increase approximately \$7,720. To be in total compliance with the current law would have a fiscal impact of \$360,000 to set up the infrastructure and staffing to provide, track and report the testing results for all identified diseases.

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